

## GENTLE GRATER WITH NEW GAME NABBED IN PROVO

Percy G. Olmstead Plays Recruiting Officer and Signs Government Warrant.

PURSUED BY FEDERAL OFFICERS IN AN AUTO

ADMITS HE IS A BAD ACTOR AND HOPES FOR A SPEEDY SENTENCE.

Yesterday morning, Percy G. Olmstead was masquerading as a recruiting officer attached to the United States navy. Yesterday afternoon, Percy G. Olmstead was a United States prisoner, charged with obtaining money on checks or certificates purporting to be issued by the government. Last night, Percy G. Olmstead was a prisoner in the county jail. Today, Percy G. Olmstead is a near-convict, because, at his own request, he wants to be sentenced to prison as soon as ever he can be and begin the service of his time.

Percy drifted into Salt Lake, July 29 being the first actual evidence of Percy's existence here, all time with reference to Percy dates from that. When Percy showed first was one day at the Metropole hotel. He registered as "Percy G. Olmstead, U. S. N.," and the clerk and the people couldn't do too much for him.

The Metropole opened its safe and money drawer and cashed all sorts of paper that bore semblance to a draft on the government. One of these warrants was made out in favor of Gray Bros. for \$11.75, another to the Metropole for \$10, besides there is owing the Metropole not an inconsiderable sum for accommodations, for, he it known that Percy lived well.

### An End to All Things.

During his stay at the Metropole Percy ingratiated himself into the good will and the pocketbook of Richard Jones, the proprietor of the Metropole. Mr. Jones thought Percy was the real thing, and Mr. Jones, having an extended acquaintance in the southern part of the state, and "round about Provo way," introduced Percy to a number of highly respected young ladies, who came hither from Provo Tuesday to see the circus. Percy was the hall room boy and remarked casually that, as he was going to make a business trip to Provo, he would be delighted to have the young ladies accompany him. On the assurance of Mr. Jones that Percy was a young man of unquestioned character, the young ladies accepted the offer, and the party left yesterday forenoon at 9 o'clock in an automobile hired from the Utah Automobile company, whose place of business is in West Third South street. Eddie Smith was assigned to the work on the job.

### A Message to Booth.

At 10:30 o'clock Hiram E. Booth, the district attorney for Utah of the United States, was accosted by a telegraph office messenger.

"Telegram, Judge Booth," said the messenger.

It was a dispatch directing the immediate arrest of Mr. Olmstead.

"Smyth," said Booth to the chief deputy United States marshal. "Here's a job."

And Smyth got busy. First they couldn't find Commissioner Charlie Baldwin and they made inquiries meanwhile and found out as much as they could about Olmstead and his devious ways.

"There's only one thing to do," said Smyth, who is a man of few words but plenty of action, and that's to get an automobile and follow this bunch to Provo.

"All right," said Booth.

And off they went to the Utah garage again and got a faster machine than the other fellows had. Chauffeur D. A. Gibson drove this machine.

"I want to go to Provo in a hurry," said Captain Smyth, and the chauffeur smiled in sardonic glee.

### Exceeding the Speed Law.

The district attorney and the captain picked up Judge F. A. Maynard incidentally to help balance the machine. The captain went to arrest a man, Booth went to secure evidence and Judge Maynard went along to be handy in case he was wanted—and he was in the end.

Gibson started at 12:30 and at 2 o'clock the city of Provo was reached. It's against the state law to run fast in an automobile on country roads, but government business is government business.

Smyth was in his element. It was up to him to land Olmstead, or break something.

They went first to the Roberts house, but no Olmstead had been there.

"Maybe they're up the canyon at one of the resorts," suggested the clerk, "telephone em."

But they were at none of the resorts.

### Maynard Is Hungry.

"I'm hungry," said Judge Maynard. "Let's stop the detective business and get a sandwich."

"Fine for you, Judge," said Booth.

"Excellent idea," said Captain Smyth.

Jim Clowe, postmaster and a federal bouncer, happened in. Jim had seen an automobile full of people—women mostly—going up street. It answered the description.

"I feel a scent," said Captain Smyth, "let's hurry."

And it was well perhaps that they did, for as they came out of the restaurant

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PERCY G. OLMSTEAD.

Picture taken at Long Beach, Cal. Moustache has been shaven since.

### Hot on Trail.

"Gibson," said Captain Smyth, firm and stern of voice, "Gibson, if you don't run down that automobile in two miles, I'll cut your liver out and send it to the department. But if you do, I've got a two-bit piece in my pocket."

And Gibson overhauled the other automobile inside of a mile. He was on the trail of the man who had been hauling a suspect about. Eddie had gotten out of his party in Provo. Percy had gotten out to "attend to some pressing business, but Eddie was requested to drive about until he gathered up another young lady and an elderly lady. They might go to the lake. It would be a fine trip for them, and it would give Percy all the recruiting he wanted to arrange for his recruiting office.

### "No, Yes?" the Answer.

The whole crowd turned about then and formed a procession up town again. As the automobile containing the officers entered the main street, Captain Smyth gave a start.

"Whist," he said, "my eagle eye is on him," and the automobile was leisurely stopped and the captain approached two men who were crossing the street.

"Your name is Olmstead, I take it," said the captain, confident.

"No, no; not Olms—"

"What?" shouted the captain.

And then Olmstead admitted that he was down and out and requested that the deal be run through as quickly as possible.

### Makes a Confession.

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### The Provo Man's Check.

Before the capture, while the ladies in the automobile were skidding about and Judge Maynard was appealing his hunger, Percy encountered M. E. Wakefield, a resident of the city of Provo. Percy showed business of credentials and literature that would patch a baseball fence a mile. He was a lieutenant in the recruiting service, he was, but he was a stranger in Provo, where he was on a point of opening an office, when the eternal question of rent came up. Here were his credentials. Weren't they fit, fine and made out a check on W. E. Lauren Wakefield, and he would be glad to indorse a check for \$20 for Mr. Olmstead—or captain, mayhap.

Afterwards Wakefield said in substance: "I went with this man, whom I had never seen before, to the bank. There he made out a check on W. E. Lauren Wakefield, and he would be glad to indorse a check for \$20 for Mr. Olmstead—or captain, mayhap."

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indorsement was of entirely a different kind. There was no similarity between the two handwritings, so far as I could see; but I did not pay much attention to the incident at the time, thinking him a government official, and government officials in Provo are persons to be respected.

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